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February 6, 2003

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 02-384 Application by Verizon Maryland, Verizon Washington, DC and Verizon West Virginia for Authorization to Provide in-Region, InterLATA Services in Maryland, Washington, DC and West Virginia

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for Verizon's application to offer long distance service in the above listed jurisdictions. Through various professional partnerships with Verizon in my current position, I have seen the company's outstanding track record for innovative service and civic participation.

It is my understanding that the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia has found that Verizon DC meets the requirements for the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) approval and supports Verizon DC's application. I believe that Washington, DC and suburban Maryland customers (our service area) would benefit from more long-distance telephone service choices. It is also my understanding that on January 27, 2003, the Justice Department announced its support of the aforementioned application.

Thank you for your consideration of Verizon's application and this letter

Sincerely,



Maudine R. Cooper

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